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POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated January 24, 2007. Applicants request a three-month extension of time and include the appropriate fee, making a response filed on or before July 24, 2007 timely. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.